GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DRUG FOR COBRA BITING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of deaths reported due to cobra biting in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is no particular drug for curing cobra biting in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Ayurveda system of medicines are helpful in curing this disease;

(e) whether W.H.O. has offered any technical or financial help in inventing such medicines;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): This information is not being maintained centrally.

(b)to(d): Anti Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) is the only anti-dote administered to treat snake bite cases.

(e)to(g): WHO does not provide any assistance for inventing such medicine.